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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA - KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL

REF: (A) USUN 5805; (B) USUN 5761

1. ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG JO CALLED, AT HIS REQUEST, ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL NOVEMBER 8, TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TACTICS FOR FURTHER MOVES ON KOREA IN THE UNGA. ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HABIB AND BUFFUM WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING. KIM SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH UNGA PRESIDENT THORN NOVEMBER 7, TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DECLARING THE KOREAN ISSUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

2. KIM SAID THAT THORN FEELS KOREA IS AN IMPORTANT QUES-TION, BUT HE IS UNWILLING TO MOVE WITHOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH SIDES. KIM SAID THAT THORN TOLD HIM AMBASSA-
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DOR MOYNIHAN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SOVIETS AND CHINESE

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ON THIS.

3. HABIB TOLD KIM THAT AT THIS TIME WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED FROM ANY MOVE TO DECLARE THE KOREAN ISSUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND WE ARE NOT CERTAIN ANY MOTION TO

DO SO WOULD PASS.

4. BUFFUM SAID THAT WE HAVE NO REPORT OF ANY TALKS BETWEEN USUN AND SOVIETS OR CHINESE AS DESCRIBED BY THORN, BUT THAT USUN IS PREPARING AN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER A MAJORITY COULD BE FOUND TO DECLARE THE ISSUE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

5. KIM NOTED THAT HE PLANS TO COME TO WASHINGTON AGAIN AFTER THE PLENARY VOTE ON KOREA. HABIB SAID THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED TO CONSULT IN SEOUL ABOUT POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTIONS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE UNGA, BUT WE WOULD HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS TO SHARE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE COMES BACK TO WASHINGTON. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL SAID THAT HE FELT IT BEST TO WAIT FOR FURTHER INDICATIONS FROM NEW YORK, PERHAPS UNTIL NOV 14, BEFORE WE ADDRESS AGAIN THE "IMPORTANT QUESTION" POSSIBILITIES.
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